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1. The Czech Aircraft Industry has now become a section of the nationalized Metal Industry and consists of the following factories:

Old Name

New Name

Avia

J. Dimitrov's Works at Letnany

Letov

Rudy Letov at Letnany

Aero at Letnany

CKD

disappeared, repair shop
in CKD's hangars at Letnany near Kbely

Zlinska Letecká spol.

will be closed and moved to Kunovice

Kunovice

remains as in the past

Chocen

remains as in the past

2. The Avia Factory

- a. Production

- 1) The factory is concentrating mainly on the S-99 (a modified version of the ME-109) and produces 18 aircraft per month. The following particulars of the S-99 are given:

- a) Engines: JU-21

- b) Speed: 500 km per hour

- c) Armament: Two normal machine guns. Plans are being made for adding two 20-mm guns set in the wings and one 250-kg bomb.

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- 2) The factory is considering production of the BM-03,

As an experiment a BM-03 jet engine has been fitted into an S-32 aircraft assembled at the VTU Podmokly. There are only nine S-32's in Czechoslovakia and no more are being produced.

- 3) Engines produced are the JU-211 (2000 in stock), Minor a/c, and "D" engines.

b. Repairs

- 1) Repairs are undertaken by the Avia factories at Letnany (5 - 6 a/c per month) and Kunovice (4 - 5 a/c per month).
- 2) DB-605 engines are repaired and also engines from Lavockin fighter a/c and Meteor tank engines.

c. Staff

The Avia factory employs 2,500 workers who have a working week of 48 hours. Shifts are not worked. Morale is poor, even among Party members, and Party meetings are attended with reluctance. No foreigners are employed.

d. Future Planning

The factory is expected to complete its contract for 100 S-99 s/c by 15 September 1949. No definite future plans have so far been made; although, as a result of a visit to Moscow in June 1949 of General Hamus and Horak, a director of the Metal Industry, there are rumors that the factory will be allotted the production of jet aircraft.

3. The Aero Factory

a. Production

- 1) About 8 Siebel aircraft per month. (In 1948 this factory exported 6 Arado-C-2's to Hungary for use as trainers with a photo-gun.)
- 2) Production of the Aero-45 has also begun.

b. Repairs

Repairs are made in the repair shops at Kbely. No details are available.

4. The Letov Factory

a. Production

Mainly Arado aircraft. Experiments are also being made with an ME-262 (S-32) to which a pressurized cabin and sliding cockpit hood are being fitted. The fitting of a BM-03 engine is also under consideration, but at present no testing is being done with the JU-004 jet engine. The research department is under Ing. Jerde.

5. General Notes

- a. There is no production of air instruments in Czechoslovakia. Old German instruments are repaired in the former Junkers repair shops at Holesovice, Pristavni ul.
- b. No new equipment or armament is being produced. Old German material is still used.
- c. Raw material delivered to the Aircraft Industry is of fairly poor quality, and the metal is often not up to sample. Deliveries take up to 24 months.

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